



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Dutch Fork Middle  
LEXINGTON 5  
Grades: 7-8  
Enrollment: 1,091  
Principal: Gerald Gary, Ed.D.  
Superintendent: Stephen W. Hefner, Ed.D.  
Board Chair: Beth Watson

**PERFORMANCE** Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov) and [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov) as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Excellent	Good	GOLD	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	SILVER	A	N/A

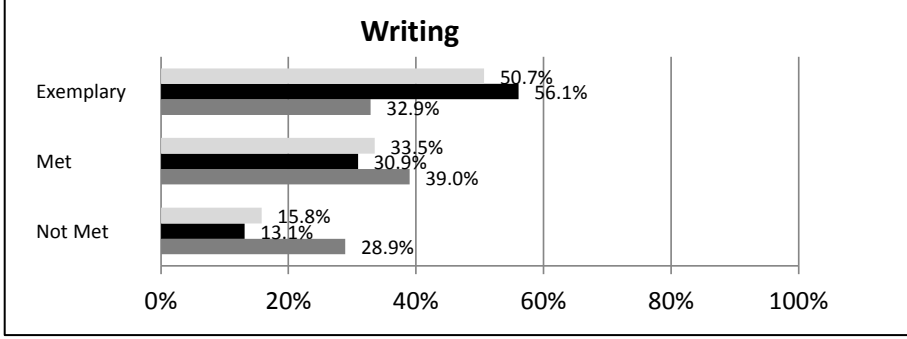
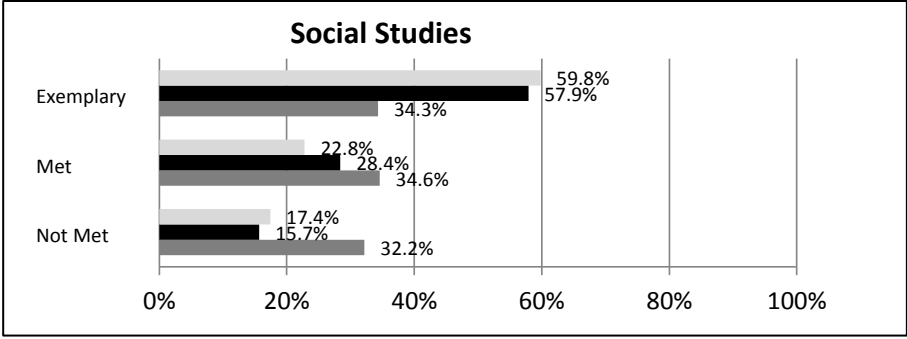
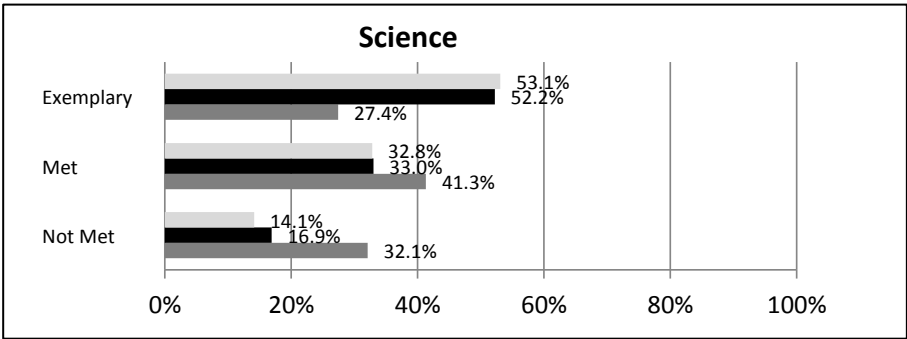
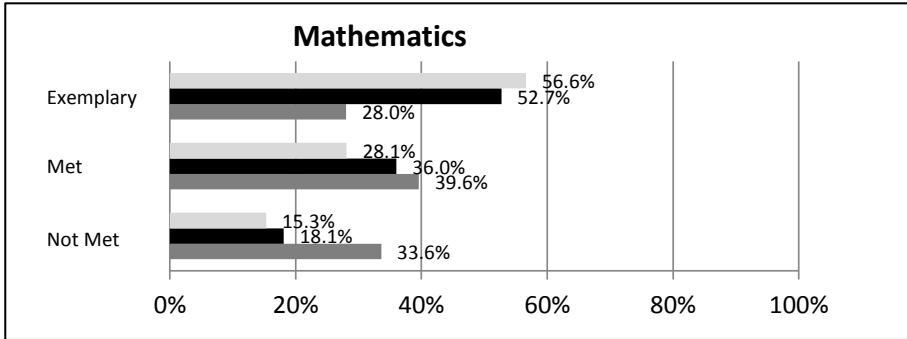
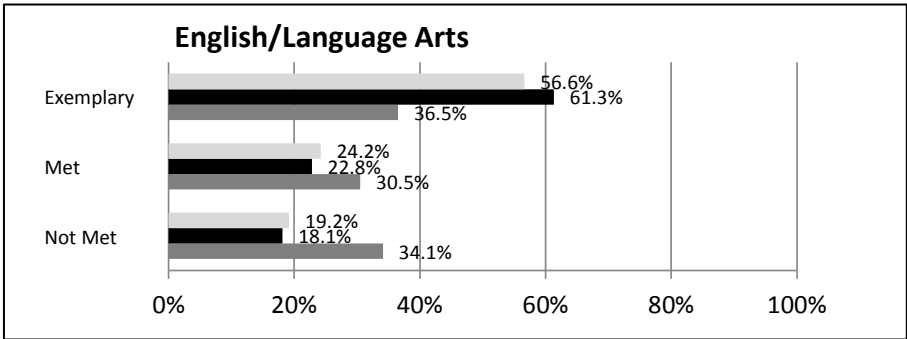
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	0	1	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

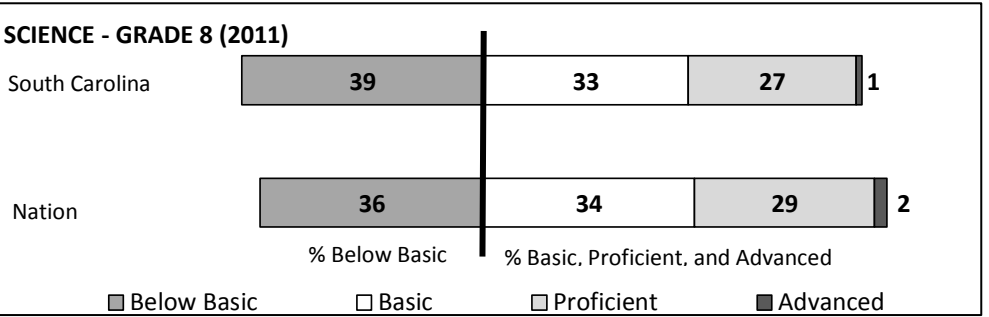
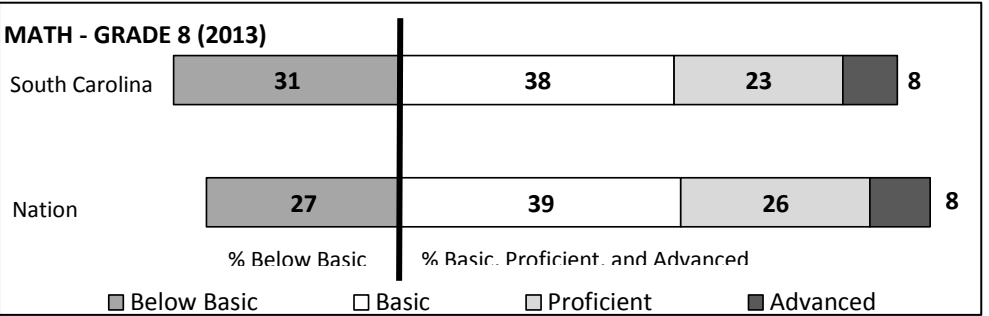
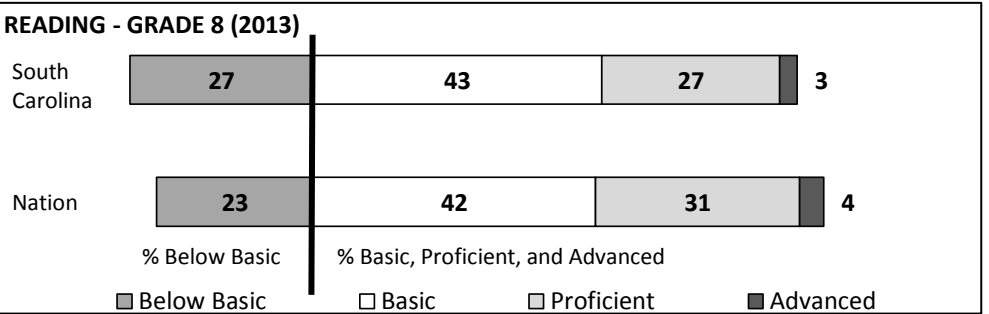
## SC PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle Schools Statewide



## NAEP\*

\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of Students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	98.1%	99.1%
English 1	100.0%	98.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.6%	99.0%

## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

## Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
Students (n = 1,091)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	74.2%	Up from 70.4%	51.7%	26.0%
Retention rate	0.0%	No change	0.5%	0.6%
Attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 97.1%	96.7%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	47.3%	Down from 48.5%	36.2%	19.4%
With disabilities	7.3%	Down from 8.1%	8.6%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	1.1%	Up from 0.9%	1.5%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 0.7%	0.3%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 68)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.6%	Up from 62.3%	54.4%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	79.4%	Up from 78.3%	79.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.7%	Up from 84.2%	85.6%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 95.4%	95.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,275	Up 2.0%	\$47,447	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.6%	Down from 7.0%	9.1%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	6.5 days	Down from 6.9 days	11.8 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	No change	1.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.3 to 1	Down from 22.5 to 1	21.7 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.2%	Up from 91.6%	90.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.3%	Down from 95.7%	96.8%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,347	Up 1.6%	\$7,801	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.3%	Up from 62.0%	59.8%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.7%	Up from 61.0%	59.3%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	89.4	Down from 91.3	89.8	77.9

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	62	484	95
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.6%	77.5%	93.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.9%	79.7%	90.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.0%	88.1%	72.6%

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
COUNCIL

Dutch Fork Middle School students and staff continued their tradition of excellence during the 2013-2014 school year by earning an “A” rating under the federal accountability system and an Excellent rating on the state report card. Our PASS and EOC scores were above the state average, and the South Carolina Department of Education again awarded Dutch Fork Middle School a Palmetto Gold Award for outstanding student achievement.

Our students continued to earn exceptional honors and recognition for their achievements. This year, Dutch Fork Middle School had eight seventh grade students recognized as Duke TIP scholars and 95 eighth grade students recognized as Junior Scholars. Our Mock Trial Team finished fourth in the state and was invited to participate in the Battle of the Carolinas, where they competed against the top teams in North and South Carolina and finished sixth. In addition, they were invited by the South Carolina Bar Association to participate in a training video that would be used to help prepare other middle school mock trial teams in the state.

Dutch Fork Middle School’s football team finished the season with an 8-0 record, capturing their second consecutive championship. Both the girls’ and boys’ basketball teams made it to the semifinals, and our track and wrestling teams enjoyed very successful seasons.

This was another award-winning year for our Fine Arts Department as well. Our seventh grade band received all Superior ratings at the Carowinds Music Festival and our eighth grade band received all Superior ratings at the SC State Concert Festival Assessment, the highest score possible. Orchestra students were just as impressive, with both seventh and eighth grades scoring Superior at Concert Festival and Carowinds.

The Dutch Fork Middle School faculty and staff elected Kimberly Shealy as the 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year and Marcus Metze as the Support Employee of the Year. These two individuals consistently exceed expectations and lead the faculty and staff by example. In addition, Kristi Grooms, one of our eighth grade English teachers, received the prestigious Milken Educator Award. She is one of only two educators in the state of South Carolina to receive this honor this year.

Administration and the School Improvement Council worked together to revise the 2014-2015 bell schedule in order to provide students with instruction in all classes every day. The two groups also worked closely to revise the dress code so that it is more closely aligned to our district’s high schools, and they began to explore a STEAM focus for implementation during the 2016-2017 school year.

With the continued support of our parents and community, we look forward to another great year in 2014-2015.

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SIC Chairman: Bobby Wilbur

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